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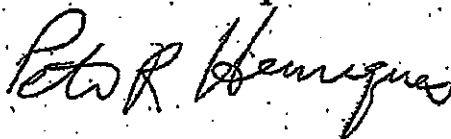
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**Dear Congressman Wolf:**

**I am writing in response to your letter to me concerning your legislative effort to institute an official federal holiday in recognition of George Washington's birthday. I completely support your effort to achieve this goal and am summarizing below why, in my judgment, President Washington deserves this unique honor. I speak with regularity at Mount Vernon and elsewhere on the life and character of this remarkable man, and if I can do more to further your efforts to achieve this goal, feel free to contact me.**

**I briefly met you many years ago when, with your help, we saved Turkey Run Farm, and I wish you well in your efforts in this important matter.**

**Cordially,  
Peter R. Henriques**



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